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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

1. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, OMRAN EL-SHAFEI, TOLD ME TODAY THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMBASSY IN CAIRO HAD TOLD THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT THE ILO VALTICOS MISSION TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WOULD BE CONDUCTED SOLELY UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CONVENTION 111. I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS CORRECT. DG BLANCHAD SHOWED ME A COPY OF THE LETTER THAT HE HAD SENT TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT REQUESTING AUTHORITY FOR THE VALTICOS MISSION. IT EXPLICITLY STATED THAT THE MISSION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S LETTER OF JUNE 9, 1977 TO THE ILO CONFERENCE AS WELL AS CONVENTION 111. THIS IS A MAJOR POINT FOR THE ARAB REPRESENTATIVES. EL-SHAFEI MET WITH ILO SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS THIS AFTERNOON AND HAS BEEN REASSURED THAT MY ABOVE INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT. THIS PERMITS US TO HOPE THAT THE VALTICOS MISSION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH ISRAEL AND THE ARAB NATIONS THEREBY AVOIDING,

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HOPEFULLY, NEW CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTIONS OR DESTRUCTIVE CONFRONTATIONS AT THE 1978 CONFERENCE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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